

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An ~~animal-shaped~~ animal-shaped article which is both a ~~stand alone~~ stand-alone animal-shaped toy and item of wearing apparel, comprising:

a plurality of removably attachable segments, each segment having at least one attachment means;

whereby the segments are removably attached one to the other by the at least one attachment means and where attached the segments form the ~~stand-alone~~ stand-alone animal-shaped toy and item of wearing apparel;

the article is dimensioned to be worn by a wearer; and

the plurality of removably attachable segments are adapted to variably configure the article so as to form a plurality of animal shapes.

2. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments comprise:

at least one head segment; and

at least one body segment.

3. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments comprise:

a base segment; and

at least one cover segment.

4. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments comprise:

at least one appendage segment.

5. (Cancelled))

6. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments are adapted to variably configure the article so as to alter the size of the article.

7. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the removably attachable segments have different colors; and whereby the removably attachable segments are adapted to variably configure the article so as to alter at least one color of the article.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the article consists essentially of a soft material.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 1 wherein the article further comprises: at least one external opening, the opening leading to an internal cavity configured to contain at ~~least~~ least one good or belonging.

12-20. (Cancelled)